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SUBJECT: NATO DECLARATION: JUNE 5 SPC DISCUSSION

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION IN THE COUNCIL MEETING DURING THE MORNING OF JUNE 5 BUT, AS REQUESTED BY THE NAC, THE SPC MET DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 TO CONSIDER UNRESOLVED POINTS AND TO REVIEW THE TEXT FOR EDITORIAL PURPOSES. IN THE PARAGRAPHS THAT FOLLOW THE MISSION PROVIDES A PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH COMMENT ON THE SPC DISCUSSION, INDICATING WHERE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE TEXT OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION THAT WAS PROVIDED IN REFTEL A. MISSION INTENDS TRANSMIT ENTIRE TEXT IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH FOLLOWING JUNE 6 NAC. END SUMMARY

1. PARAGRAPH 1

AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B, DUTCH WISHED TO AVOID USE OF THE PAST TENSE IN THE FINAL CLAUSE OF PARAGRAPH 1 IN ORDER TO GIVE A MORE FUTURE ORIENTED CAST TO THE PARAGRAPH. AT BRITISH SUGGESTION, THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE WAS ACCEPTED: BREAK THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 1 INTO TWO SEPARATE SENTENCES BY PLACING A PERIOD AFTER THE WORD "UNITY" AND HAVING THE FINAL SENTENCE READ: "THAT SAME SHIELD PERMITS THE ALLIES TO PRESERVE THE VALUES WHICH ARE THE HERITAGE OF THEIR CIVILIZATION." THE DUTCH HAVE NOT YET SECRET

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DROPPED THEIR DESIRE TO HAVE PARAGRAPH 12 INSERTED AFTER PARAGRAPH 1 BUT THEY NOW HAVE NO SUPPORT FOR THIS REQUEST.

2. PARAGRAPH 2

THE BRITISH, WITH NORWEGIAN SUPPORT, CONTINUE TO ASK FOR A FOOTNOTE TO THIS PARAGRAPH SUGGESTING ANOTHER FORMULA FOR THE FIRST SENTENCE. THE FOOTNOTE READS: "ANOTHER FORMULA SUGGESTED IS: '...CONVICTION THAT IT IS AS MUCH AN INSTRUMENT FOR PURSUING DETENTE AS FOR INSURING COLLECTIVE DEFENSE'."

3. PARAGRAPH 3

AT BRITISH SUGGESTION, THE WORD "OCCURING" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN DELETED FOR EDITORIAL REASONS. THE WORD "AN" IN THE THIRD SENTENCE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO "ANY" AT THE REQUEST OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. FOLLOWING THE WORD "ALLIANCE" IN THE THIRD SENTENCE, THERE ARE NOW TWO BRACKETED ALTERNATIVES AS FOLLOWS: "(AND SO AFFECT THE INTERESTS AND SECURITY OF ALL. THE STAKE IN SUCH AN ENTERPRISE WOULD, IN THE LAST RESORT, BE NOTHING ELSE THAN THE DOMINATION OF THE WORLD)." "(SUCH AN ENDEAVOUR, PUTTING IN JEOPARDY THE SECURITY OF ALL, WOULD ALSO ENTAIL A THREAT OF DOMINATION OF THE WORLD.)" BRITISH, NORWEGIANS AND CANADIANS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE USE OF THE PHRASE "DOMINATION OF THE WORLD" AND USDEL HAS REFRAINED FROM ENDORSING USE OF THAT PHRASE. FRENCH DELEGATION PROPOSED A THIRD ALTERNATIVE WHICH IT LATER WITHDREW FOR LACK OF SUPPORT. THIRD ALTERNATIVE WAS AS FOLLOWS: "SUCH AN ATTEMPT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF ALL AND WOULD ULTIMATELY CARRY WITH IT A THREAT OF WORLD DOMINATION." CANADIAN DELEGATION SUGGESTED ANOTHER COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD END THE SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "THREAT TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE WORLD." FRENCH DEL SAID THIS WAS AN INTERESTING IDEA AND IT IS LIKELY THAT CANADIANS WILL RETURN TO THIS SUGGESTION IN JUNE 6 COUNCIL MEETING. COMMENT: ON BASIS OF EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS, (STATE 116334), MISSION ASSUMES WE COULD ACCEPT ANY OF THE ALTERNATIVES DESCRIBED ABOVE BUT WE ALO ASSUME WASHINGTON WOULD PREFER THE CANADIAN FORMULA.

END COMMENT.

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4. PARAGRAPH 4

THE WORD "BEEN" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE WAS DELETED FOR EDITORIAL REASONS AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE GREEK DELEGATION. THE WORD "ACCORDINGLY" IN THE LAST SENTENCE HAS BEEN DELETED AND THE WORD "THUS" HAS BEEN INSERTED BEFORE THE WORD "ASSUMED." AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, THE WORDS "AND GRAVITY" IN THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE HAVE BEEN DELETED BY AGREEMENT IN THE COUNCIL.

5. PARAGRAPH 5

THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN AMENDED FOR EDITORIAL REASONS AS FOLLOWS: DELETE THE WORD "AND" BETWEEN THE

WORDS "UNITED STATES" AND "EUROPE" AND REPLACE BY THE WORDS "AS WELL AS IN." THE WORD "BY" HAS BEEN ADDED BEFORE THE WORDS "THE PRESENCE." BOTH AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY U.K. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, FRENCH FOOTNOTE TO THIS PARAGRAPH WHICH APPEARED IN REFTEL A HAS BEEN DROPPED AND THE FIRST WORD OF THE PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM "BUT" TO "HOWEVER".

6. PARAGRAPH 6

THERE WAS NO FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THE DUTCH-FRENCH ISSUE IN PARAGRAPH 6 PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HAGUE. THE SECOND SENTENCE HAS BEEN AMENDED BY THE FRENCH AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B. IT NOW READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS PROVIDE THREE-QUARTERS OF THE CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE IN EUROPE, AND TWO OF THEM POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES CAPABLE OF PLAYING A DETERRENT ROLE OF THEIR OWN WHILE CONTRIBUTING (ALSO) TO THE OVERALL STRENGTHENING OF THE DETERENCE OF THE ALLIANCE".

BALANCE OF THE TEXT REPORTED IN REFTEL A HAS BEEN MADE INTO A SEPARATE SENTENCE BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS "THEY UNDERTAKE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTRIBUTION..." AND CONTINUING UNCHANGED TO THE END OF THE PARAGRAPH.

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7. PRAGRAPH 7

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS PARAGRAPH.

8. PARAGRAPH 8

TEXT REPORTED IN REFTEL B HAS BEEN AMENDED SLIGHTLY TO MEET CANADIAN AND DUTCH PREFERENCES. PHRASE IN FIRST SENTENCE WHICH FORMERLY READ "ALL THEIR FORCES WOULD IF NECESSARY" HAS BEEN REVISED TO READ "ALL THE FORCES NECESSARY WOULD".

9. PARAGRAPH 9

FOR EDITORIAL REASONS THE WORD "RECOGNIZE" IN THE FIRST

SENTENCE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE WORD "AGREE". BRITISH REMAIN OPPOSED TO THE THIRD SENTENCE WHICH SPEAKS OF "EUROPEAN UNION". NORWEGIANS HAVE GIVEN SOME SUPPORT TO BRITISH ON THIS POINT. ALL MEMBERS OF THE EC, HOWEVER, ARE STRONGLY PRESSING THE UK TO YIELD ON THIS POINT. COMMENT: UK DEL INFORMS US PRIVATELY THAT THEY EXPECT FONMIN CALLAGHAN WILL REVIEW THIS PROBLEM ON JUNE 5. END COMMENT. FOR EDITORIAL REASONS THE WORD "RECOGNIZE" IN THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE WAS CHANGED TO READ "CONSIDER". AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED THE WORD "DIRECTLY" HAS ALSO BEEN DROPPED FROM THIS SENTENCE. FINAL SENTENCE READS AS SUGGESTED BY DE STAERCKE AND AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B. ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS MAINTAIN THEIR PREFERENCE FOR MOVING THE LAST TWO SENTENCES OF PARAGRAPH 9 TO PARAGRAPH 11. THEY RECEIVED NO SECRET

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SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA BUT THEY NOTED THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO THIS ISSUE IN THE JUNE 6 NAC.

10. PARAGRAPH 10

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS PARAGRAPH. THE TURKISH AMENDMENT REPORTED IN REFTEL B " . . . ACCORDING TO ITS ROLE IN THE DEFENCE STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE . . . " NOW APPEARS IN THE TEXT OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

11. PARAGRAPH 11

BELGIAN VERSION OF PARAGRAPH 11 (SECOND ALTERNATIVE IN REFTEL A) HAS BEEN REVISED AS NOTED IN REFTEL B. FIRST SENTENCE AS PROPOSED BY DE ROSE AND REPORTED IN REFTEL B HAS BEEN AMMENDED SLIGHTLY AS FOLLOWS: REPLACE THE WORD "CREATING" WITH THE WORD "FOSTERING". ADD THE WORD "THE" IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE WORD "CONDITIONS" AND DELETE THE WORDS "THEY REPEAT". AS SUGGESTED BY DE STAERCKE THE CLAUSE REFERRING TO "OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD" HAS BEEN DELETED FROM THE THIRD SENTENCE. WORDS "INAPPROPRIATE BODIES" DOES NOT APPEAR IN PRESENT BELGIAN TEXT AND NO ONE ASKED FOR ITS REINSERTION. HOWEVER, IS REPRODUCTION OF THE BELGIAN PARAGRAPH CONTAINS A CHANGE IN THE PENULTIMTATE SENTENCE WHICH FRENCH MAINTAIN IS FOR STYLISTIC REASONS. SENTENCE AS IT APPEARS IS IS TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS: "IN THE SPIRIT OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP, AND BASED ON THE PURPOSES THEY SHARE. THEY WILL UNDERTAKE ALL CONSULTATIONS THAT APPEAR NECESSARY TO THEM". WHEN US REP IN SPC RAISED QUESTION AS TO THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL BELGIAN VERSION AND THIS LATEST FRENCH TEXT FRENCH REP RESPONDED THAT HE SAW NO GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO AND THOUGHT THAT FRENCH WOULD BE WILLING TO RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL VERSION. UK REP (LOGAN) STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE ORIGINAL BELGIAN VERSION OF THIS SENTENCE WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY STRONGER THAN THE LATEST RENDITION OF THIS SENTENCE AND IS CLOSE TO THE UK TEXT. COMMENT: NEITHER U.S. REP NOR DELEGATIONS WITH WHOM WE HAVE CHECKED HEARD THIS PARTICULAR REVISION READ OUT BY THE FRENCH REP IN THE COUNCIL

MEETING, AND IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHEN FRENCH DEL SUPPLIED THIS TEXT TO IS. END COMMENT

12. PARAGRAPH 12 SECRET

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FIRST SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN AMENDED AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B. AT UK SUGGESTION LAST SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH WAS REVISED TO READ: "IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THAT EVERY COUNTRY BENEFIT FROM . . ." WITH THE REST OF THE SENTENCE BEING UNCHANGED.

13. PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14 NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. RUMSFELD

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